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The Honorable Robert S. McNamara
Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard Helms".

Richard Helms
Acting Director

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W. F. Raborn

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28 October 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH : Deputy Director for Intelligence *RSC*
SUBJECT : Procedure for Issuing Volume III of JAG Study,
Alternative Projections of Soviet Military Forces
(1965-1975)

1. This memorandum outlines, for your approval, a proposed procedure for issuing Volume III of the 1965 Joint Analysis Group study, projecting the costs and manpower associated with each of the four alternative Forces and the components thereof. Volume III, comprising about 125 pages of main text, charts and tables, and a separately bound Annex breaking down costs by individual weapon systems, was prepared with the help of the Office of Research and Reports and has been reviewed in that Office and by [] of the Board of National Estimates. The only substantive point of special interest is the not wholly unexpected finding that Force II, the high-side force, was not an economically practical force for the Soviets to develop and would almost certainly not be adopted in its entirety.

2. I see no need to solicit comments on the draft from the intelligence community at large, as was done with the first two volumes, since Volume III is an essentially technical analysis of the economic implications of the forces projected in Volumes I and II, rather than something which brings up a whole new broad set of judgments. Also, it has been a long time since Volumes I and II were issued in May and we would hope to avoid further delay.

3. Attached, for your signature, is a draft letter of transmission to the Secretary of Defense. Alternatively, Volume III could be circulated under a similarly worded, unsigned Distribution Note on Joint Analysis Group stationery. A copy of your original letter of transmission to Mr. McNamara is also attached for reference.

4. Two questions:

- a. Is this procedure satisfactory to you?
- b. Do you wish to see Volume III or be briefed on it before it is circulated?

I am sending a similar request for approval of this procedure to General Carroll.

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Chairman

CIA/DIA Joint Analysis Group

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Attached is the second report of the CIA/DIA Joint Analysis Group. In it you will find four alternative Soviet forces, projected over the next ten years. The projections are based on the current estimate of Soviet Military doctrine and on three possible divergent lines of development.

The alternatives and their component weapon systems are designed to present a feasible range of threat for use as assumptions in the long-term planning studies conducted in your office and by the military services. They are not to be construed as being the intelligence community's estimate of Soviet Military development during the period.

This study has been reviewed by the other members of the USIB and the Board of National Estimates, and while they do not necessarily agree in detail to all of its projections, they do believe it to be useful. General Carroll and I concur in suggesting that it be used as a basis for threat models included in Department of Defense long-term planning studies.

Sincerely,



William F. Raborn, Jr.
Vice Admiral, USN (Ret.)

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